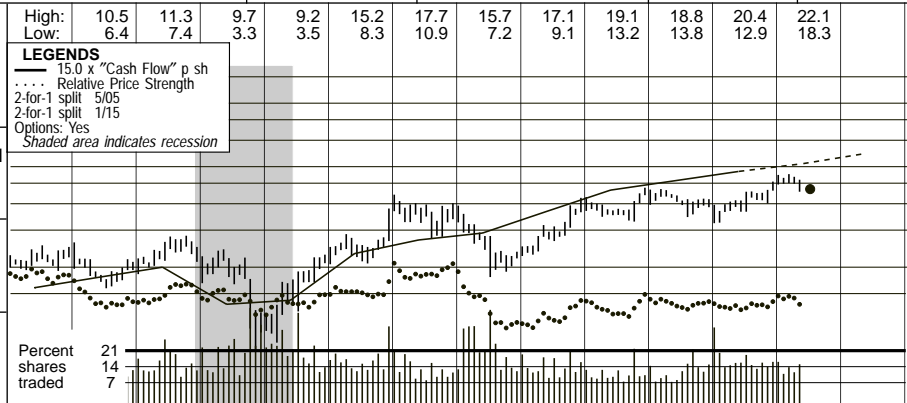


GENTEX CORP. NDQ-GNTX

RECENT PRICE **18.80** P/E RATIO **14.5** (Trailing: 14.8 Median: 19.0) RELATIVE P/E RATIO **0.74** DIV'D YLD **2.1%** VALUE LINE

TIMELINESS **3** Raised 5/5/17
 SAFETY **3** New 7/10/98
 TECHNICAL **1** Raised 6/2/17
 BETA 1.25 (1.00 = Market)



2020-22 PROJECTIONS
 Price Gain Ann'l Total
 High 40 (+115%) 22%
 Low 25 (+35%) 9%

Insider Decisions
 to Buy 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
 Options 0 0 4 1 0 4 4 0 4 0 4
 to Sell 2 0 2 1 0 2 1 0 4

Institutional Decisions
 3Q2016 4Q2016 1Q2017
 to Buy 170 167 184
 to Sell 198 208 207
 Hlds(000) 242931 239722 262363

Percent shares traded: 21, 14, 7

% TOT. RETURN 5/17
 THIS STOCK VL ARITH. INDEX
 1 yr. 16.8 16.7
 3 yr. 39.6 22.7
 5 yr. 88.8 95.1

2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	© VALUE LINE PUB. LLC	20-22
1.03	1.30	1.52	1.62	1.72	2.01	2.26	2.27	1.97	2.87	3.55	3.84	4.02	4.66	5.30	5.84	6.40	6.95	Sales per sh	7.90
.27	.34	.41	.43	.43	.48	.53	.36	.37	.62	.72	.77	.98	1.24	1.37	1.52	1.65	1.85	"Cash Flow" per sh	2.20
.22	.28	.34	.36	.35	.37	.43	.22	.24	.49	.57	.60	.78	.98	1.08	1.19	1.30	1.45	Earnings per sh ^A	1.75
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.15	.11	.07	.10	.17	.17	.19	.17	.08	.16	.42	.41	.19	.25	.34	.42	.45	.45	Cap'l Spending per sh	.45
1.59	1.88	2.25	2.51	2.70	2.47	2.79	2.54	2.66	3.14	3.56	3.92	4.56	5.32	5.91	6.64	7.55	8.20	Book Value per sh	10.00
300.69	304.89	308.16	311.47	312.09	284.95	289.51	275.27	276.68	284.58	288.14	286.15	291.16	295.25	291.34	287.74	285.00	283.00	Common Shs Outst'g ^C	288.00
30.7	26.2	24.5	26.2	25.1	21.4	22.0	33.0	27.2	20.7	25.2	17.9	15.5	15.7	15.5	13.8	10.5	10.5	Avg Ann'l P/E Ratio	18.0
1.57	1.43	1.40	1.38	1.34	1.16	1.17	1.99	1.81	1.32	1.58	1.14	.87	.83	.78	.73	.78	.73	Relative P/E Ratio	1.15
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CAPITAL STRUCTURE as of 3/31/17
 Total Debt \$36.3 mill. Due in 5 Yrs \$36.3 mill.
 LT Debt \$36.3 mill. Lt Interest \$2.0 mill.
 (% of Cap'l)

Leases, Uncapitalized \$1.3 mill.
 No Defined Benefit Pension Plan

Pfd Stock None
 Common Stock 287,270,285 shs.
 as of 4/21/17

MARKET CAP: \$5.4 billion (Large Cap)

653.9	623.8	544.5	816.3	1023.8	1099.6	1171.9	1375.5	1543.6	1678.9	1820	1965	Sales (\$mill)	2275
26.6%	23.2%	24.4%	28.1%	26.8%	26.3%	31.4%	34.7%	34.9%	35.8%	35.5%	36.0%	Operating Margin	37.0%
32.4	35.9	38.4	38.6	42.6	50.2	62.9	77.4	80.6	88.6	100	105	Depreciation (\$mill)	125
122.1	62.1	64.6	137.7	164.7	171.5	222.9	288.6	318.5	347.6	375	420	Net Profit (\$mill)	515
32.1%	32.7%	32.9%	32.3%	32.6%	32.0%	32.0%	30.5%	31.3%	31.9%	32.0%	32.0%	Income Tax Rate	32.0%
18.7%	10.0%	11.9%	16.9%	16.1%	15.6%	19.0%	21.0%	20.6%	20.7%	20.6%	21.4%	Net Profit Margin	22.6%
460.1	407.7	446.8	583.2	651.6	656.7	481.2	723.2	853.0	1005.1	1025	1100	Working Cap'l (\$mill)	1250
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806.8	698.6	735.9	893.5	1027.1	1121.0	1327.6	1571.4	1722.5	1910.4	2150	2325	Shr. Equity (\$mill)	2875
15.1%	8.9%	8.8%	15.4%	16.0%	15.3%	14.0%	15.9%	16.6%	16.9%	17.0%	17.5%	Return on Total Cap'l	18.0%
15.1%	8.9%	8.8%	15.4%	16.0%	15.3%	16.8%	18.4%	18.5%	18.2%	17.5%	18.0%	Return on Shr. Equity	18.0%
8.2%	.2%	.5%	8.5%	9.5%	8.7%	10.8%	12.8%	12.9%	12.9%	12.0%	12.5%	Retained to Com Eq	13.0%
46%	97%	94%	45%	41%	43%	36%	30%	30%	29%	32%	32%	All Div'ds to Net Prof	34%

CURRENT POSITION

(\$MILL.)	2015	2016	3/31/17
Cash Assets	551.6	546.5	559.6
Receivables	196.0	211.6	249.5
Inventory (FIFO)	174.7	189.3	197.1
Other	61.7	207.6	188.4
Current Assets	984.0	1155.0	1194.6
Accts Payable	66.4	80.0	77.7
Debt Due	7.5	7.5	--
Other	57.1	62.4	196.7
Current Liab.	131.0	149.9	274.4

BUSINESS: Gentex Corporation manufactures automatic-dimming automotive rearview mirrors. Its *Night Vision Safety* mirrors use sensors and electronic circuitry to detect glare from trailing approaching vehicles at night, and darken accordingly to protect the driver's vision. Sells to most of the major automakers (has 3 customers who each accounted for 10% or more of 2016 total sales).

International sales represent 67% of 2016 sales. Also makes commercial fire protection products. Has approximately 5,315 employees. Officers and directors own 2.5% of common stock, including 2.3% owned by Chairman & CEO Fred Bauer (3/17 proxy). Incorporated: MI. Address: 600 N. Centennial Street, Zeeland, MI 49464. Telephone: 616-772-1800. Internet: www.gentex.com.

ANNUAL RATES

Past	Past	Est'd '14-'16	
10 Yrs.	5 Yrs.	to '20-'22	
Sales	11.5%	13.5%	7.0%
"Cash Flow"	12.0%	19.0%	8.0%
Earnings	11.5%	20.0%	8.5%
Dividends	7.0%	8.0%	8.5%
Book Value	9.0%	14.0%	9.0%

Gentex began 2017 with good results. Sales during the first quarter increased 12% compared to the previous year, driven by a 12% rise in auto-dimming interior and exterior rearview mirror shipments. This was a stellar showing, particularly given the fact that overall industry light-vehicle production in the company's primary markets increased only 3% during the period. International demand was particularly strong, as volumes abroad jumped 16%, thanks to higher penetration of the company's mirrors. While margins were pressured by annual customer price reductions, this was partially offset by a favorable product mix and purchasing cost reductions. All told, share net for the quarter was \$0.02 higher than our projection.

demand for its new applications, particularly for advanced features on its auto-dimming mirrors. All told, management looks for 2017 total light-vehicle production to rise 3% in Japan and South Korea, to 13.31 million units; climb 2% in Europe, to 21.89 million; and decline 2% in North America, to 17.55 million. Annual customer price reductions will remain a headwind, but the company believes it can offset these with a favorable product mix toward auto-dimming mirrors with advanced features, purchasing cost reductions, and operational efficiency improvements.

QUARTERLY SALES (\$ mill.)

Cal-endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Full Year
2014	335.7	338.5	350.9	350.4	1375.5
2015	368.9	379.3	389.8	405.6	1543.6
2016	405.6	423.8	429.6	419.9	1678.9
2017	453.5	445	450	471.5	1820
2018	480	490	495	500	1965

We anticipate solid top- and bottom-line growth this year. Management maintained its previous projections for the year, but it still looks for unit growth to outpace industry vehicle production growth. This is likely due to the company's many different product launches that have been executed in prior quarters. Gentex's electrochromic technology ought to drive

The company paid down a large portion of its outstanding debt. As of March 31st, long-term debt stood at \$36 million, compared to \$195 million in the sequential quarter. The move should lower interest payments, which should help boost earnings in the coming quarters. **Shares of Gentex are ranked to track the broader market averages in the coming six to 12 months.** Over the 3- to 5-year period, the stock offers wide total return potential at the recent quotation. *Iason Dalavagas* June 16, 2017

EARNINGS PER SHARE ^A

Cal-endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Full Year
2014	.23	.26	.25	.24	.98
2015	.26	.25	.27	.30	1.08
2016	.25	.30	.32	.31	1.19
2017	.33	.32	.32	.33	1.30
2018	.35	.36	.36	.38	1.45

QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID ^B

Cal-endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Full Year
2013	.07	.07	.07	.07	.28
2014	.07	.08	.08	.08	.31
2015	.08	.085	.085	.085	.335
2016	.085	.09	.09	.09	.355
2017	.09	.09	.09	.09	.36

(A) Diluted earnings. Quarterly earnings may not sum due to rounding. Next earnings report due in late July.
 (B) Payments typically made in late January.
 (C) In millions, adjusted for stock splits.

Company's Financial Strength	B++
Stock's Price Stability	45
Price Growth Persistence	70
Earnings Predictability	90